TWO LETTERS SENT FROM AMSTERDAM: And read in both Houſes OF PARLIAMENT

The 11. of this preſent *Iune*, MDCXLII.

Diſcovering to the Parliament what courſes are there taken for the raiſing of Ammunition to bee ſent to the North.

With a Liſt containing the particular number of the ſaid Ammunition.

Die Lunæ, 13. *Iunij*, 1642.

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, That theſe Letters and liſt of Ammunition be forthwith printed and publiſhed.

Iohn Browne Cler. Parl.

Printed for *Iohn Wright* and *Ioſeph Hunſcott*, 1642.

LETTER

FROM

AMSTERDAM

TO

DAPHNE

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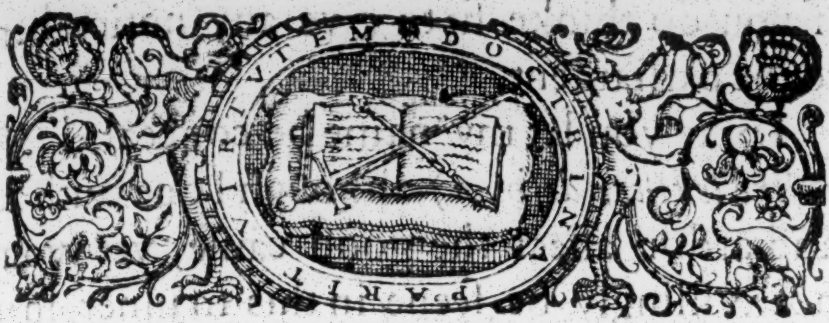

Amſterdam :

Iune 12. 1642.

I canot learn that any jewels more are pawnd than I haue formerly expreſſed, neither of the ſale of any jewels, ſaue divers collars of pearls, part of the proceed is remitted for London, a large ſum having bin offered mee by the party above mentioned, and I take the reſt will be imployed in warlike Munition, expreſſed in the incloſed note which I have drawne out of the Originall Commiſsion, which hand was well knowne to me; all muſt be ſpeedily furniſhed, and if for the preſumed ſervice, it's not like the diſtempers here will be appeaſed without ſhedding blood, which God avert. I do purpo'e to lay wait in what Ships the ſayd Munition will be lajden, which ſhall bee adviſed

if you do thinke fit to give any notice hereof to the parliament.

I pray you let my name be concealed (*Pour evitre le tiltre despion*) although I doe with zeale and ardor affect the good cauſe, yet would I not willingly be ſeene in this manner, in writing hereof I underſtand by an eye witneſſe, that all the jewels are brought here againe to be pawned, and amongſt them the great coller of Rubies fetcht from Hamb. Alſo the three brethren, four or five very geat Dyamonds, with divers more, but no money to be had thereupon in this place, as the party imployed therein doth tell me ſo it's like, ſome will be ſtaked untill the Munition for War ſhall be ſatisfied, whereof I have heard an inklin. I did ſee M. *Webſter* meaſuring or looking upon a mortar to ſhoot fireballs, of the wideneſſe or bredth of the incloſed thred, weighing 4800 pound. I hope England will have no need of ſuch *Tormenta bellica*, which I beleeve have not bin uſed there in any age. Maſter *I.W.* doth haſten exceedingly with all theſe things. The piſtols I underſtand are provided.

From

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From Amsterdam.

Iune 12 *New ſtile. Iune* 2 *old ſtile.*

To *Iohn Beauchamp* Merchant of LONDON.

For the Cloath Trade at preſent, I would adviſe you to write to him wholly not to buy in a piece at preſent, although he pretends loſing his workemen or the like: for loſing his workmen, I doubt at this time money is not ſo riefe in that Countty, and men ſo forward to buy, that I thinke little feare, but that if he Turnes off or leave buying, his workemen will be glad to come againe at more ſettled times; And it may be, ſell better cheape. Therefore above all excuſes, as the ſtate ſtands, write him abſolutely not to take off any untill further adviſe, for if things go badly there, and come to pillaging or deſtruction, you ſhould have all the cloth he had in the houſe, to be reckoned to bee your cloth.

I feare a ſtorme to ariſe in the North, and I ſee it dayly growe blacker and darker, for ſtore of monyes is made over to be ſent thither, witneſſe the riſing of the exchange here ſo ſuddenly; And at preſent here is Order to buy ſtore of piſtols for Horſmen and powder, and neere upon 20 braſſe Pieces to bee ſent for the North parts, but the Order is not from the Parliament.

A list of the Amunition, *as followeth:*

Foure pieces of Battery of 18 pound Bullet.
One piece carrying 12 pound bullet.
One piece carrying 8 pound bullet.
Two Culverins carrying 8 pound bullet.
Six Field pieces carrying 6 pound bullet.
Two Mortar pieces.
For Granado's sixteene.
An hundred barrells of pouder.
Two thousand paire of Pistols ready provided.
A thousand Carabines.
Three thousand Saddles.
Bullets.
Ladles.
Spunges.
Carriages.
Harnesse for Draught horses.

The Mortar pieces are a foot and a halfe in dyameter at the mouth, mettall and all.
Shooting Granado's of 11 or 12 inches.

FINIS.